

**WASHINGTON STATE  
DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 5, 2006**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Peter Fox, Public Member, Chairperson  
Judy Morrison, RDH  
Joella Pyatt, RDH

**STAFF PRESENT:** Vicki Brown, Program Manager 3  
Cheri Brooks, Program Manager 1  
Sandra Adix, Assistant Attorney General

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist for Washington State Dental Hygienists Association (WSDHA)

The Dental Hygiene Examining Committee met at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 5, 2006, at the Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital, 2211 NE 139<sup>th</sup> Street, Room A 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Vancouver, Washington 98686.

**OPEN SESSION – 10:00 a.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Peter Fox, Public Member, Chairperson.

**1.1. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**1.2 Approval of February 10, 2006 Meeting Minutes**

The February 10, 2006 meeting minutes were approved after amended. Under item #10 WREB added Dental Hygiene into the name of the testing agency.

**1.3 Approval of the March 17, 2006 Meeting Minutes**

The March 17, 2006 Conference Call Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

**2. 2005 – 2007 DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE BUSINESS PLAN**  
– *handout*

The Committee reviewed and approved the 2005 – 2007 business plan.

**3. RULE – WAC 246-815-030 EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE APPLICANTS** - *handout*

The Committee reviewed the rule for amendments and agreed that the dates needed to be removed. Ms. Brown will state the rule writing process.

**4. RULES – WAC 246-815-110, 115, 120, 130 EXPANDED FUNCTIONS** – *handout*

The Committee reviewed the current rules relating to the approved expanded function education courses and the need to update these rules. Discussion was held regarding reducing barriers without changing or affecting the expanded functions. The Committee was unable to make a decision regarding accreditation credentials and deferred until there is a new committee member to be able to have a quorum. Final decisions will be addressed at the next meeting.

**5. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT** - *handouts*

Information provided to the Committee by the Program Manager.

- 5.1** Budget - The January and February 2006 interim operating reports were provided to the Committee.
- 5.2** Licensing and Disciplinary Statistics – The statistics from February 3, 2005 through April 16, 2006 were provided to the Committee.
- 5.3** Legislative Update – The Initial Limited license bill was signed by the Governor.
- 5.4** Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) contract – The contract with DANB for the maintenance and administration of the drug and law examination is close to being signed.
- 5.5** Dental Rule WAC 246-817-560 Acts that may be performed by licensed dental hygienists under close supervision. – There is a rules hearing scheduled for later this month by the Dental Quality Assurance Commission and they do not anticipate it to be a long hearing.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA – CORRESPONDENCE** - *handouts*

The following items and any additional correspondence received or sent is for the Committee's information. If separate discussion is desired on an item, a single motion by a committee member will place the specific item(s) on the regular business agenda. Otherwise, there will be no discussion of these items.

- 6.1 Staff provided for information copies of correspondence items presented at the DQAC March 23, 2006 meeting.
- 6.2 Omaha World-Herald article – Legal, health issues arise from grill fad
- 6.3 Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board – WREB/ADEX
- 6.4 American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX)

**7. WASHINGTON STATE DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMING COMMITTEE  
SURVEY– *handout***

The Committee was presented with the statistics regarding the survey. Forty-nine (49) states were sent the survey and thirty-eight (38) did not respond. The decision was made to resend the survey to those states that did not respond to see if we could get a better response. The Committee will review the survey results again at either the Friday, August 11, 2006 or Friday, November 17, 2006 meeting.

**8. OTHER OPEN SESSION BUSINESS – (For discussion only)**

- 8.1 Ms. Pyatt will attend the following meetings in July: Western Conference of Dental School Deans and Administrators, Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) Board of Directors and WREB Dental Hygiene Examination Review Committee (DH-ERC).
- 8.2 American Association of Dental Examiners (AADE) Midyear conference in March, 2007
- 8.3 AADE conference in October in Las Vegas.
- 8.4 Drop the October AADE meeting and attend the midyear meeting. Wait until the new committee member is appointed to vote on attending. The conference was attended twice in the past and did not provide sufficient information to attend again.
- 8.5 Is it possible for a committee member to take the ADHLEX examination to be able to compare it to the WREB? WREB supposedly tests for many items ADHLEX is not testing for. The Committee is asking for ADHLEX to be administered to ensure it is comparable to WREB?
- 8.6 Association meeting with Summerland to approach and ask for Dental Hygiene and Dental students to bridge communication gap to serve everyone better. Ms. Adix discussed a letter regarding the clinical rotation program in Eastern Washington dedicated to training and practicing in underserved areas. Mission dedicated to serve in clinics, public service training established in Northwest and osteopathic school now in Arizona.

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – *no handout***

- 9.1 Survey
- 9.2 Rules / WAC 246-815-110, 115, 120, 130

- 9.3 Introduction of new committee member
- 9.4 Invite Joseli Alves-Dunkerson and Divesh Byrappagari to give a Public Health presentation on oral health.
- 9.5 2006 meeting schedule and out-of-state meetings

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m. on Friday, May 5, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

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Cheri Brooks  
Program Support Manager

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Peter Fox, Chairperson, Public Member